

Michigan Regional Skills Alliances (MiRSA®)



The MiRSA initiative provides a framework to organize the workforce development needs of the Michigan business community by industry clusters. MiRSAs are business-driven, business-focused partnerships that address workforce issues in a specific region and industry sector. The primary goals of the initiative are to provide Michigan businesses with a highly skilled workforce and connect Michigan citizens to good jobs with opportunities for career advancement.

Governor Jennifer Granholm announced the MiRSA initiative in her State of the State address in January 2004. MiRSAs are employer driven organizations that address the workforce issues and needs within their local areas. MiRSA staff provides technical support to organizations researching the feasibility of forming a MiRSA as well as to new, existing and expanding MiRSAs.

As of November 2008, thirty-six MiRSAs exist statewide, with eight industry focuses. In support of the initiative, over \$3.51 million in grant money has been awarded.

Industry Focus	Number	Industry Focus	Number
Health Care	12	Utilities	1
Manufacturing/Advanced Mfg.	8	Forestry, Timber and Agriculture	3
Hospitality & Tourism	5	Information Technology	2
Construction	3	Biotechnology	1
Retention (Manufacturing, Health Care)			1

Generally, a Request for Proposal is issued each spring with funds awarded on a competitive basis. Proposals may also be considered throughout the year depending on funding availability.

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MiRSAs listed by industry focus, and convener county (number of counties covered)

*** E denotes an expansion from the original MiRSA**

Health Care:

- Capital Healthcare & Employment Council Ingham (3)
- West Central Michigan Healthcare 6 Conveners Kent (12)
- East Central Health Care Alliance Saginaw (15) E
- South East Michigan MiRSA: Registered Nursing Wayne (7)
- Healthcare RSA of Northwest Michigan Grand Traverse (22) E
- MI's Direct Care Workforce Readiness Training Program Lansing (Statewide)
- Healthcare Professionals for Michigan's Future (HPMF) Genesee (2) (E)
- Upper Peninsula Healthcare Roundtable Delta (15 - Entire U.P.)
- Northeast Michigan Healthcare Workforce Alliance..... Emmet (11)
- Southwest Michigan Regional Health Care Alliance 2 Conveners, Calhoun (5)
- Southeast Michigan Long Term Health Care Wayne (4)
- Michigan Works Regional Healthcare Alliance Berrien (3)

Manufacturing/ Advanced Manufacturing:

- Capital Area Manufacturing Council..... Ingham (3)
- Detroit Regional Manufacturing Skills Alliance Wayne (9)
- KAL-TEC: A Knowledge Economy Skills Alliance for Kalkaska Co Kalkaska (1)
- Tri County Advanced Manufacturing Alliance Saginaw (3)
- Thumb Area Employment Builders Alliance – Advanced Manufacturing Training Cooperative RSA Lapeer (8)
- Upper Peninsula Regional Industrial Manufacturing..... Delta (15 – Entire U.P.)
- South Central Manufacturers' Jackson (3)
- Southwest Michigan Regional Manufacturing Alliance Berrien (3)

Hospitality & Tourism:

- Berrien, Cass, Van Buren Hospitality Berrien (3)
- Delta County Tourism RSA..... Delta (1)
- Where Hospitality Works Washtenaw (9)
- Sunrise Side Hospitality Industry Coalition RSA..... Iosco (14)
- Team Work North West: Hospitality Skills Alliance of Northwest Michigan Grand Traverse (10)

Construction:

- Capital Area Construction Council..... Ingham (4)
- Mid- Michigan Construction Alliance MiRSA..... Ingham (3)
- Upper Peninsula Construction Trades Delta (15 - Entire U.P.)

Forestry, Timber & Agriculture:

- Forest and Timber Products Industry RSA..... Marquette (15 - Entire U.P.)
- Thumb Agri-Business 2100..... Lapeer (4)
- Agri-Food Regional Skills Alliance Washtenaw (5)

Information Technology:

- Southeast Michigan Information Security RSA Oakland (7)
- Capital Area Information Technology Council Ingham (3)

Utilities:

- Midwest Skills Development Center Electrical Line Technician Marquette (15 - Entire U.P.)

Biotechnology:

- Preparing the South Central MWA Region for the Bio Tech Age Hillsdale (3)

Retention:

- Bridges to Success:
(Dual Industry - Healthcare & Manufacturing Industries)..... Kent (7) E